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**Walker Taylor III, CPCU, Chosen as 2009 CPCU Class Spokesperson**

**MALVERN, Pa.**— Walker Taylor III, CPCU, has been selected as a spokesperson for the 2009 class of Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter (CPCU®) designees. He is area chairman at Walker Taylor Agency, a division of Arthur J. Gallagher and Company in Wilmington, North Carolina.

At the age of 84, Taylor is the oldest new CPCU designee on record. He was unable to attend the ceremony held on August 29, 2009, at the Colorado Convention Center, but he and his staff, with the assistance of the University of North Carolina Wilmington, created a video addressing his fellow CPCUs. During the video, he shared his 25-year journey to earn the CPCU designation.

Taylor not only was a student in the program, but he was assigned to lead a class as well. He described it as a “somewhat terrifying experience” to be a student and the teacher, as it meant he had to do his work to avoid embarrassment in front of his fellow classmates.

“By God’s grace and the inspiration of my classmates I was able to pass the courses,” he said. “I am grateful and honored to earn the CPCU designation, and am appreciative of the CPCU Society and the colleagues in our firm who encouraged me.”

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